About the Band

Forward! Marching Band is a community-based, democratic, music-making collective. Founded in Madison, Wisconsin in early 2011, Forward! Marching Band initially planned to debut at the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Instead, Forward! was forged in the crucible of the enormous protests surrounding the new governor's regressive agenda. For weeks, we marched around the Capitol in the snow and rain, gaining members and experience. Since that time, Forward! Marching Band has dedicated itself to maintaining that unique fighting spirit of the Wisconsin protest movement.

We believe in using music to help fuel social change, have fun, and build community. We play tunes from the catalogs of folk, rock, klezmer, polka, labor, Balkan, New Orleans and Romany music. Our band consists of a diverse range of ages and musicianship. Instruments featured in Forward! run the gamut from traditional band instruments such as snare drums and trumpets to home-brewed xylophones and washboards. We love costumes, silly hats, and spectacle! We share the duties of researching and arranging musical selections, directing and shaping rehearsals, costuming, and scheduling the band.

Forward! Marching Band brings lively tunes to political protests, marches and rallies, parades, and community events. If you're an event organizer, a community group, a protest planner, etc., and you're interested in Forward!, please feel free to contact us at any time. If you're a musician, thespian, dancer, acrobat, and/or artist, and you're interested in being in Forward!, please feel free to contact us at any time, as well!

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YouTube: **Forward! Marching Band**

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Protest Polka Party

Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda
Madison, Wisconsin
Saturday, March 30, 2013
Noon to 1:00 PM

The Band

Jenny Marquess – Accordion
Laurie Rossbach – Accordion
Martha Florey – Alto Saxophone
Tom Kastle – Banjo
Ashli Fain – Belly Dancer
Enid Williams – Clarinet
Kate Zirbel – Clarinet
David Koene – Crash Cymbals
Tom Taagen – Euphonium/Acrobatics
Valerie Van Horn – Flute
Gloria Hays – Glockenspiel
Aaron Aegerter – Percussion
Sybil Augustine – Percussion
Dana Beilke – Percussion
Kira Fobbs – Percussion
Mark Oles – Percussion
Kyle Davison – Soprano Serraphone
Ted McManus – Sousaphone
Paul Noeldner – Sousaphone
Janet Parker – Tenor Saxophone
Bernie Schlafke – Tenor Saxophone
Brandon Barwick – Trombone
Amy Kerwin – Trombone
Alan Sponem – Trombone
Brian Standing – Trombone
Dave Zoesch – Trombone
Jon Ironside – Trumpet
Ann Murphy – Trumpet
Noah Phillips – Trumpet
Eric Rambo – Trumpet
Lyndall Rossbach – Trumpet
Sean Sponem – Trumpet
Margaret Trumpet – Trumpet
Benjamin Van Horn – Trumpet
Gerry Campbell – Washboard
Richard Miller – Washboard

The Songs

Joe Avery
Union Maid
Ndiaga Niaw
Ham and Eggs
Funky This Land
Democracy
Who Stole the Kishka?
In Heaven There Is No Beer
Smash-a-Bank Polka
Skalloween
Solidarity Forever
When We Make Peace
Power in a Union
Blister in the Sun
Didn't He Ramble
Bubamara

Other Songs We Play

Bella Ciao
Blitzkrieg Bop
Bread and Roses
Broyges Tanz
Do Watcha Wanna
Down by the Riverside
Khevre Nit Gezorgt
March of the Jobless Corps
Seven Nation Army
Soldier's Wife
St. James Infirmary
The Internationale
This Land Is Your Land
We Shall Overcome
Which Side Will Rock You?
…and many more!